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STATUS OF SOVIET MERCHANT SHIPPING TO CUBA

1. A continued increase in the number of Soviet merchant vessels en route Cuba, lightly loaded, and declaring for various ports other than Cuba, has been noted. Since mid-July a total of 57 Soviet merchant ships have made voyages to Cuba or are currently estimated to be en route Cuba. This figure includes three ships (and possibly a fourth) which are making their second trip to Cuba since mid-July. These are the passenger ships M. UMITSKIY, KILABAROVSK, M. ULYANOVA, and possibly the LATVIYA.

2. The following details are known concerning Soviet merchant vessels which have completed cargo deliveries to Cuba and have not heretofore been reported.

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Read in six columns: Ship [Callsign]/Gross Tons/Tons Declared/Port Declared/Area of Departure/Cargo Aboard.

1. SEVASTOPOL' [UOJE]/7176/xxxx/xxxx/Baltic/2 patrol vessels, 4-6 trucks, and concealed equipment
2. LESOZAVODSK [UQIS]/9826/xxxx/xxxx/Baltic/1 helicopter, boats
3. KIROVSK [URTM]/9254/xxxx/xxxx/Baltic/xxxx
4. KRASHOGRAD [UQOX]/9500/xxxx/xxxx/Baltic/xxxx
5. SOVERSKAYA GAVAN' [UUMP]/7176/xxxx/xxxx/Baltic/xxxx
6. DVINOLES [UISA]/4638/xxxx/xxxx/Baltic/xxxx
7. ATKARSK [UVAD]/5411/xxxx/xxxx/Baltic/Army trucks and boats on deck
8. SEVEROLES [UERL]/4638/xxxx/xxxx/Baltic/16 vans, crane trucks, one large crate
9. BOL'SHEVIK SUKHANOV [UJYP]/6668/0803 wheat/Cuba/Black Sea/5 Army vans
10. KIROVSK [UICO]/5518/xxxx/xxxx/Baltic/6311 tons general cargo including 39 GAZ-63 trucks
11. KISLOVODSK [UIWR]/5419/xxxx/xxxx/Baltic/26 trucks on deck, 10 large covered crates

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3. The following details are known concerning ships which are presently en route or believed to be en route Cuba. Read in seven columns: Ship [Call sign]/ Gross Tons/Tons Declared/Port Declared/Probable destination/Area of departure/ Cargo Aboard.

1. M. URITSKIY [ULGF]/4871/xxxx/xxxx/Cuba/Baltic/xxxx
  2. KHIABAROVSK [UYTW]/4871/xxxx/xxxx/Cuba/Baltic/xxxx
  3. M. ULYANOVA [ULGE]/4871/xxxx/xxxx/Cuba/Baltic/xxxx
  4. NIKOLAEVSK [URSF]/4871/xxxx/xxxx/Cuba/Baltic/xxxx
  5. LATVIYA [UYTE]/4871/318 passengers/Cosakry/possibly Cuba/Black/xxxx
  6. GRUZIYA [UPOV]/11838/xxxx/xxxx/Cuba/Baltic/xxxx
  7. M. BAJKOV [UWQU]/12817/1488 general/Casablanca/Cuba/Black/trucks and cranes
  8. DOIMATOVA [UNSB]/7265/xxxx/xxxx/Cuba/Black/15 trucks and fuel tanks
  9. BELORETSK [USHE]/16388/1788 general/Accra/Cuba/Black/Army vehicles and cranes
  10. I. MECHNIKOV [UPFW]/5865/1268 general/Le Havre/Cuba/Black/xxxx
  11. STAVROPOL [UQQT]/2788/2888 general/Cosakry/Cuba/Black/xxxx
  12. M. GAVOROV [UKAZ]/5858/xxxx/xxxx/Cuba/Baltic/xxxx
  13. B. KHEMEL'NITSKIY [UYKP]/7351/1469 Technical Mach./Mediterranean for orders/xxxx/Black/xxxx
  14. N. BURDENKO [UPFY]/5042/1423 general/Ghana/Cuba/Black/xxxx
  15. ORENBURG [UYXE]/11658/1458 rubber/Ghana, possibly Cuba/Black/xxxx
  16. P. BORIVUR [UWZV]/1878/1688 general/Le Havre/possibly Cuba/Black/xxxx
  17. MICHURINSK [UCSB]/5518/xxxx/xxxx/possibly Cuba/Baltic/xxxx
  18. USOL'E [UIFK]/5628/xxxx/Cuba/Cuba/Baltic/xxxx
  19. LABINSK [UQIR]/6668/1375 general/Casablanca/possibly Cuba/Black/xxxx
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